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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

SERIAL NO.: 09/462,480

FILED: March 6, 2000

: EXAMINER: R. SWARTZ

FOR: A POLYNUCLEOTIDE FUNCTIONALLY CODING FOR THE LHP PROTEIN FROM MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS, ITS BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE DERIVATIVE FRAGMENTS, AS WELL AS METHODS USING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 11, 2000, the period for response having been extended to December 11, 2000, by a Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 16-24, 26-29, 31 and 33, for further prosecution.

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, line 21, before "and" insert --(SEQ ID NO:19)--;

line 28, at the end of the line, insert --(SEQ ID NO:17)--;

line 30, at the end of the line, insert --(SEQ ID NO:18)--.

Page 7, line 22, before "OF1" insert --(SEQ ID NO:20)--;